LUFTWAFFE OPERATIONS IN THE WEST
1943 to 1945
Volume X

COMMAND STRUCTURE IN THE WEST
1 January 1943 to 30 September 1944

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PREFACE

In view of the Luftwaffe chain of command during World War II, the report "Luftwaffe Operations in the West, 1943 to 1945" has been divided into two parts, namely, "Aerial Warfare in the West" and "Reich Air Defense".

The large volume of source material required and the difficulties in procuring it, made it impossible to compile this report in chronological order. The author was compelled to concentrate first on those phases for which sufficient source material could be made available in time. Therefore, the first part deals with air defense operations during the period from 15 September 1943 to 1 July 1944; it comprises four volumes and four volumes of appendixes.

Considerable credit is due to General der Flieger (ret) Paul Deichmann who, through his liberal procurement of extensive source material, made it possible to begin work, in summer 1954, on the following main basic outlines:
Command Structure in the West,
Organizational Structure of Flying Units in the West,
Concentration of Flying Units in the West,
Concentration of Antiaircraft Artillery in the West.

Volume X describes the
Command Structure in the West,
presented in five tables of organization and explanatory comments, covering
the period from 1 January 1943 to 28 September 1944, and based solely on
German documents. Not included in this volume are the headquarters of
the parachute arm and of the Luftwaffe units organized for ground action
in the command area of Third Air Fleet Command.

The outline defining the various command agencies and command staffs
employed in the west should facilitate the task of studying the command
structure.

The sketches (Appendices F80, F86) pertaining to the command
structure have been incorporated between the tables of organization and
the respective explanatory comments. They do not include any special
explanations and should therefore be perused only in connection with the
tables of organization.
The source material used for the compilation of these tables consisted chiefly in Luftwaffe High Command situation maps distributed to flying and AA units; these maps were available in the original as well as photostat/tracing. In addition, the author utilized a large number of individual records, most of which were taken from the files of the former Military Science Branch of the Luftwaffe High Command.

The list of source material at the end of this volume gives particulars concerning all documents utilized in compiling volume X.

The tables and explanatory comments, showing the command structure in the west, were based almost exclusively on documentary evidence. Volume X is therefore of historical value and constitutes important source material for the evaluation of Luftwaffe operations conducted in the west from 1943 to 1945.

The usefulness of this volume is only slightly affected by possible errors in dates and lists of personnel. Some minor errors might be attributable to inadequate copies of documents and the time lag between the introduction of an organizational change and issuing of the official decree. In many cases the dates of the arrival and departure of command staffs correspond to the dates on situation maps. The available map material, however, was by no means complete. This is an additional reason for
the inaccuracies contained in the lists of command headquarters in the west. The lack of appropriate documents made it impossible to achieve a complete and accurate outline of the various commands in the west.

Generalmajor (ret) Walter Grabmann, former Commander, Fighter Command, Holland-Ruhr Area, and subsequently, Commander of the 3d Fighter Division, made considerable contributions to this volume. Generalleutnant (ret) Hermann Plocher, former Chief of Staff, Third Air Fleet Command, and Oberleutnant (ret) Penitzky, former operations officer, Third Air Fleet Command, reviewed the drafts for the tables of organization and explanatory comments. The author is greatly indebted to all gentlemen who took part in compiling volume X.
Command Staffs and Command Agencies Employed in the West:

Command Area of Third Air Fleet Command

From 1 January 1943 to 30 September 1944
1. Commander in Chief of the Luftwaffe

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AA forces,

Signal communication units,

Ground organization.
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3. Air Corps and Fighter Corps

II Air Corps Headquarters:
Command staff in charge of planning and the employment of flying units supporting army counter-invasion operations.

IX Air Corps Headquarters:
Command staff in charge of bomber units engaged in actions against targets in Great Britain, and counter-invasion operations (attacks on British shipping).
(During the period from 17 March 1943 to July 1943 IX Air Corps Headquarters was exempt from air warfare missions against Great Britain.)

X Air Corps Headquarters:
Command staff conducting air operations in Atlantic area in cooperation with the Navy.

II Fighter Corps Headquarters:
Command staff in charge of day and night fighter units in the west and signal communication units of the radar ground organization.
After 28 February 1944, responsible for the operations of the entire radio intercept and aircraft reporting services in the west.
After 28 June 1944, in charge of flying units supporting army counter-invasion operations.

Air Offensive (England) Command:
Command agency in charge of bomber units attacking targets in Great Britain.
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2d Air Division:

Command agency in charge of conducting air warfare in the western Mediterranean and the employment of flying units for counter-invasion operations in Southern France.

1st Preflight Training Division:
(10th Air Division until Fall 1943)

Command agency in charge of basis training of Luftwaffe personnel replacements, and the protection of ground organizations in France against enemy airborne troops and partisan raids. (Safeguarding of Vl bases) (N # 2)

4th and 5th Fighter Divisions:
Command agencies in charge of day and night fighter unit operations, and the posting, during the day and at night, of air situation maps based on reports furnished by radio intercept and radar services.

After 26 February 1944 in charge of posting air situation maps based on reports submitted by radio intercept services and all branches of the aircraft warning service.

5th Fighter Division:
After 8 September 1944, command agency in charge of flying units supporting army operations in the southern sector of the western front.

Fighter Command West:
(Division Headquarters)
Command agency conducting operations of day fighter units, and posting air situation maps during the day, on the basis of reports submitted by radio intercept and radar services.
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3. Air, Fighter, Tactical Support, and Fighter Sector Commands

Air Command Atlantic:

Headquarters of brigade status, conducting air warfare in the Atlantic, in cooperation with the Navy.

Fighter Command:

Headquarters of brigade status, conducting operations of day fighter units, and posting air situation maps during the day and at night.

Tactical-Support Command Brittany and Tactical-Support Command Weel:

Headquarters of brigade status, conducting operations of tactical-support units aiding army counter-invasion actions.

Fighter Sector Command:

Headquarters of regimental status, performing same functions as fighter command.
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| **Fighter Command 3**  | 1 Jan. 1943 to 6 Sept. 1943 | Verso near Osen                     | Normandy and Seine region                        | Oberst Hermann von Bernegg |
|                   |                     |                                |                                                  | Oberstlieutenant          |
|                   |                     |                                |                                                  | Collob after 34 June 1943 |
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| **Fighter Command 4**  | 6 Sept. 1943 to 31 Aug. 1944 | St. Pol-Brias                   | Northern France, Altrace-Lorraine, Meuse-Nesel region  
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6. Motorized AA Corps

III Motorized AA Corps Headquarters:

Command staff conducting operations of mobile AA units employed for AA support and in ground combat during counter-invasion operations; later employed in northern sector of western front.

IV Motorized AA Corps Headquarters:

Command staff conducting operations of mobile AA units employed for AA support and in ground combat in the southern sector of western front.
### Command Headquarters

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7. Administrative Command Headquarters, Special
Administrative Command Headquarters, and
Military District Command

VII, XII and XIII Administrative
Command Headquarters:

Command staffs in charge of Luftwaffe
personnel replacements and supply
services in the west. (All Reich air
defense missions controlled by
Luftwaffe Headquarters Center.)

Special Administrative Command
Headquarters and
Air Command Channel Islands:
(Headquarters of brigade status)

Command staffs in full charge of
operations of the following units and
facilities in the west:
AA and searchlight units,
AA barrage and smoke-producing units
employed in local defense, AA support,
and ground actions,
ground organization,
civilian air defense,
signal communication units of the
aircraft reporting service,
supply services of all Luftwaffe units
within the jurisdiction of the
administrative command.

Military District Command—Netherlands:

Command staff in charge of military
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8 AA Divisions and AA Brigades

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<td>Seaports and sectors of ground organization in Brittany and Normandy after 24 May 1944: Seaports and sector of ground organization in Southern France, After 8 Sept. 1944: In command area of IV AA Corps, southern sector of Western front</td>
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<td>Culemborg after 8 Sept. 1944</td>
<td>After 8 Sept. 1944; In command area of II AA Corps, northern sector of western front.</td>
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<td>19th AA Brigade</td>
<td>Oct./Nov. 1943 to 22 Sept. 1944</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
<td>Seaports and ground organization sectors in Holland.</td>
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<td>Stuttgart</td>
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<td>9 July 1944 to 22 Sept. 1944</td>
<td>Doullens</td>
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<td>After 8 Sept. 1944; in command area of III AA Corps, northern sector, western front</td>
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<td>Nuremberg</td>
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Explanations regarding Table I

Western Front: Command Structure

Period from 1 January 1943 to 15 October 1943

*1) Command structure in command area of Third Air Fleet Command:
   Air command staffs listed on basis of following source material:
   R5, R300, R413, R444, R550, R551, R566, and R761.

   AAA command staffs listed on basis of following source material:
   R566, R767, and
   Luftwaffe High Command ( administrative command
   dated 13 January 1943; headquarters only
   29 January 1943
   15 June 1943)

*2) Mobilization of Air Offensive (England) Command Headquarters on 17 March 1943
   (R186)

   Demobilization of Air Offensive (England) Command Headquarters in July 1943
   (R11 and R512)

*3) Commanding General IX Air Corps after July 1943: Oberst Feldt, following
   commander of temporary assignment, in Summer 1943, as Long-Range Bomber Command South,
   operating in command area of Second Air Fleet Command in Italy. (R512)

*4) 10th Air Division controlled for training purposes by Luftwaffe High
   Command, chief of preflight training
   (R264)

   10th Air Division controlled for administrative and tactical purposes by
   Third Air Fleet Command
   (R412)

   10th Air Division redesignated 1st Preflight Training Division
   in Fall 1943
   (R413)

   Commander 10th Air Division after April 1943:
   Generalmajor Nieke
   (R413)
*6) Administrative control of VII and XII and XIII Administrative Command Headquarters exercised by Third Air Fleet Command until 2 November 1943.

AAA tactical control of VII and XII and XIII Administrative Command Headquarters exercised by Luftwaffe Headquarters Center, VII and XII and XIII Administrative Command Headquarters transferred from control of Third Air Fleet Command on 2 November 1943 (Reference: Office of Chief of Supply and Administration, Second Division, Report No. 16184 dated 20 October 1943. R190)

*6) Commander of Special Administrative Command Headquarters after August 1943: General der Flieger Doestling (R767)

*7) Activation of 31st AA Division Headquarters, Darmstadt
4th AA Brigade Headquarters, Munich
30th AA Brigade Headquarters, Stuttgart
31st AA Brigade Headquarters, Nuremberg in Spring 1943.

*8) From the beginning of July to August (?) 1943 Oberleutnant Priller acted as deputy of Fighter Command 2 in Italy during the absence of Oberst Viock. (R226 and R850)
*9) Fighter Command 3 after 24 June 1943 controlled by Oberstleutnant Gollub
(R850, R853, and R860)
Fighter Command 3 field headquarters at Bernay after...........

*10) Fighter Command Brittany after June 1943 controlled by Oberst Oestau
after 6 September 1943 controlled by Oberleutnant Dr. Mix
(R444 and R850)

*11) Activation of Fighter Command Paris on 21 June 1943
Deactivation of Fighter Command Paris on 6 September 1943
(R768 and R850)
Table 1

Western Front: Command Structure

Period: From 1 January 1943 to 15 October 1943

See sketches:
Appendix F30: Air Command Staff Organization
Appendix F31: AAA Command Staff Organization

IX Air Corps Headquarters
(General der Flieger Freiherr)
Compiegne

Air Command Atlantic
(Generalleutnant Kessler)
Angers

2d Air Division
(Generalmajor Fink)
Montfrin

10th Air Division
(Generalleutnant Leckner)
Paris

Fighter Command West
(Oberst Ibel)
Chantilly

Fighter Command E
(Oberst Vieck)
St. Pol - Etris

Fighter Command S
(Oberst Hartl v. Berneig)
Verven near Caen
(Berneay after......)

Fighter Command Brittany
(Oberst v. Berg)
Bennes

Fighter Command Paris
(Oberstleutnant Dr. Mix)
Jouy en Josse

Fighter Command Southern France
(Oberst Vollbrecht)
Alx
Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe
(Field Marshal Goering)
First Echelon: Goldberg/East Prussia
Second Echelon: Wildpark near Potsdam

Air Offensive (England) Command *2
(Uberst Felts)
Le Goudray near Beauvais

Third Air Fleet Command *1
(Field Marshal Speer)
Paris

Luftwaffe Headquarters Center
(Generaloberst Weise)
Berlin-Dahlem

VII Administrative Command Headquarters *5
(General der Flak Zenetti)
Munich

XII and XIII Administrative Command Headquarters *5
(Generalleutnant Heilingbrumer (?)
Wiesbaden

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Holland *6
(General der Flieger Sitburg)
Amsterdam

Special Administrative Command Headquarters
Belgium/Northern France
(General der Flieger Wimmer)
Brussels

Special Administrative Command Headquarters
Western France
(Generalleutnant Weismann)
Etampes

20th AAA Brigade *7
Stuttgart

4th AAA Brigade *7
Munich

21st AAA Division *7
Darmstadt

21st AAA Brigade *7
Nuremberg
16th AAA Division
Lille

11th AAA Division
Avignon

13th AAA Division
Leval

11th AAA Brigade
Guernsey

12th AAA Brigade
Saintes

18th AAA Brigade
Nimes

5th AAA Brigade
Rennes
Explanations regarding Table 2

Western Front: Command Structure
Period: From 15 October 1943 to 30 May 1944

*1) Office of Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe redesignated Luftwaffe High Command on 1 April 1944 (R408 and R409)

*2) Command structure in command area of Third Air Fleet Command:
Air command staffs listed on basis of air situation maps of the Office of the Commander in Chief of the Luftwaffe, dated:
- 27 November 1943
- 14 February 1944
- 3 March 1944
- 6 March 1944

Luftwaffe High Command air situation maps, dated:
- 2 April 1944
- 1 May 1944
- 31 May 1944

Map issued to flying schools for training purposes, dated 1 April 1944

AAA command staffs listed on basis of
AAA situation maps of the Office of the Commander in Chief of the Luftwaffe, dated:
- 26 November 1943 (administrative command headquarters only)
- 9 January 1944
- 9 February 1944

Luftwaffe High Command AA situation maps, dated 24 May 1944

*3) Activation of the II Fighter Corps Headquarters Staff after 1 October 1943 (85)
Command channels in the command area of II Fighter Corps went into effect on 15 October 1943 (KTG)
4th) 3d Fighter Division (Nev) redesignated 4th Fighter Division (Meta) and placed under command of II Fighter Corps on 15 October 1943. Oberst Henschel
Commander 4th Fighter Division ; after 29 December 1942; Oberst Vock (1943)

5th) 5th Fighter Division Headquarters activated after 15 October 1942.

5th Fighter Division Headquarters with personnel of Fighter Command Parla
Activation period from 15 October 1942 to 30 December 1942; Oberst Henschel
(EP38 and B559).
*6) Fighter Command 2 redesignated Fighter Command 4 on 8 September 1943
Acting commander, Fighter Command 4, after 30 December 1943: (R330)
Oberstleutnant Friller (R346 and)

Commander, Fighter Command 4, after 16 March 1944: Oberst von Buelow (R326)

*7) Fighter Command 3 redesignated Fighter Command 5 on 8 September 1943
Commander, Fighter Command 5, after 1 March 1944: Generalleutnant Hille
(R350 and R353)

*8) Activation of Fighter Sector Command Headquarters Bordeaux in February (1) 1944
(Air situation map dated 16 February 1944)

*9) II Air Corps Headquarters transferred from Milan, Italy, from control
of Second Air Fleet Command, to Compiegne, and placed under control of
Third Air Fleet Command on 26 December 1943

*10) Activation of Tactical-Support Command Headquarters Brittany in March 1944
(Luftwaffe High Command air situation map dated 2 April 1944)

*11) Assignment of Air Command Atlantic to X Air Corps Headquarters, transferred
from Greece

Commanding General X Air Corps after 15 March 1944: Generalleutnant Hille
(R36 and R36)

*12) Commander, 2d Air Division, after 10 February 1944: Generalmajor Korte
(2761)

2d Air Division, temporarily placed under control of Second Air Fleet
Command (southern front) for tactical purposes. Control exercised
from 10 February 1944 to 5 March 1944
(2406 and R364)

*13) 1st Preflight Training Division placed for training purposes under
control of Luftwaffe High Command, preflight training command
(R364)

1st Preflight Training Division placed for administrative and tactical
purposes under control of Third Air Fleet Command

Commander of 1st Preflight Training Division after May 1944:
Generalmajor Wieland

(R412)
*14) Deactivation of Special Administrative Command Headquarters Holland at the turn of the year 1943/44
Command area Special Administrative Command Holland consolidated with command area Special Administrative Command Belgium/Northern France (R611)

*15) Activation of 19th AAA Brigade Headquarters in October and November 1943 (KTS)
19th AAA Brigade placed under control of Special Administrative Command Headquarters Belgium/Northern France after 1 January 1944 (R411)
After 24 May 1944, command post of 19th AAA Brigade located at 't Hartogenbosch

*16) From 9 February 1944 to 24 May 1944, command post of 11th AAA Division located at Nimes
After 24 May 1944, 11th AAA Division Headquarters expanded into IV AAA Corps Headquarters, and assigned to eastern front (R662)

*17) Activation of 1st AAA Brigade Headquarters in Spring 1944

*18) After 24 May 1944, command post of 5th AAA Brigade located at Nimes

*19) In January 1944 (T) 11th AAA Brigade Headquarters changed to Luftwaffe Headquarters Channel Islands

*20) On 10 February 1944, Military District Commander Netherlands placed under control of Third Air Fleet Command (R364)

*21) At the end of January and beginning of February 1944, III AAA Corps Headquarters activated and placed under control of Third Air Fleet Command (R364)
Commanding General III AAA Corps after 24 May 1944:
Generalleutnant Pickert (R537)
Table 2
Western Front: Command Structure
Period: From 15 October 1943 to 30 May 1944

See sketches
Appendix F20: AAF Command Staff/Organization
Appendix F21: AAA Command Staff/Organization

Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe *1
(Field Marshal Goering)
First Echelon: Coldap/East Prussia
Second Echelon: Wildpark near Potsdam

Third Air Fleet Command *2
(Field Marshal Speerle)
Paris

IX Air Corps Headquarters
(Generalmajor Felitz)
Le Coudray near Beauvais

II Fighter Corps Headquarters *3
(Generalmajor Junck)
Chantilly

II Air Corps Headquarters *5
(Generalleutnant Buelodius)
Compiegne

X Air Corps Headquarters *11
(former Air Command Atlantic)
(Generalleutnant Bolle)
Angers

3d Air Division *13
(Generalmajor Fink)
Montfrin

1st Preflight Training Division *13
(Generalmajor Rifice)
Paris

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Holland *14
(General der Flieger Doerstling)
Amsterdam

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Belgium/Northern France
(General der Flieger Wimmer)
Brussels

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Western France
(Generalleutnant Weissmann)
Stampe
Military District Command Netherlands *20)  
(General der Flieger Christianen)  
Hilversum  

III AAA Corps Headquarters *21)  
(Generalleutnant Hints)  
Meaux  

4th Fighter Division *4)  
(Oberst Viseck)  
Metz  

5th Fighter Division *5)  
(Oberst Hentschel)  
Jouy en Joux  

Fighter Command Southern France  
(Oberst Vollbracht)  
Aix  

Tactical-Support Command Brittany *10)  
(..........................)  
Perigny le Polin  

19th AAA Brigade *15)  
Amsterdam  
's'Hertogenbosch  

16th AAA Division  
Lille  

11th AAA Division *16)  
Avignon  
(Nimes)  

13th AAA Division  
Laval  

1st AAA Brigade *17)  
Paris  

12th AAA Brigade  
Saintes  

Luftwaffe Headquarters Channel Islands' *19)  
(Oberst Dini)  
Guernsey  

Fighter Command 4 *6)  
(Oberst von Suelow)  
St. Pol - Brias  

Fighter Command 5 *7)  
(Oberst Sollot)  
Bernay
Command
Fighter/Britteny
(Oberstleutnant Dr. Mix
Rennes

Fighter Sector Command Bordeaux *8)
(Major Spieewe)
Nerignac

16th AAA Brigade
Havrincourt

5th AAA Brigade *18)
Rennes
Explanations regarding Table 3

Western Front: Command Structure

Period: From 30 May 1944 to 1 July 1944

*1) Command structure in command area of Third Air Fleet Command:
   - Air command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command
   - Air situation map, dated 31 May 1944 (R20)
   - 2 July 1944

   AAA command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command
   - AAA situation maps, dated 24 May 1944
   - 9 June 1944
   - 26 June 1944

*2) Commanding General II Fighter Corps after 26 June 1944:
   Generalleutnant Fuellwieser (R357)

*3) Advance command post of II Air Corps Headquarters after 9 June 1944
   located at St. Piol near Quartres (R452)
   - Deactivation of II Air Corps Headquarters after 26 June 1944 (R357)

*4) Tactical-Support Command Brittany redesignated Tactical-Support
   Command West on 28 June 1944 (t) (Air situation map dated 1 July 1944
   and R357)

*5) 1st Preflight Training Division Headquarters transferred to Strasbourg
   in July 1944
   - Deactivation of 1st Preflight Training Division Headquarters in Alpirsbach
     (south of Freudenstadt) in July 1944 (R412)
   - Units of 1st Preflight Training Division placed under army control
     for counter-invasion operations in July 1944

*6) III AAA Corps Headquarters after 7 June 1944 located at
   St. Honorine du Fay, 16 kilometers southwest of Caen (R449)
Table 3

Western Front: Command Structure

Period: From 30 May 1944 to 1 July 1944

See sketches
Appendix FE4: Air Command Staff Organization
Appendix FE5: AAA Command Staff Organization

Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe
(Field Marshal Goering)
First Schelon: Goldap-East Prussia, or Berichteorden
Second Schelon: Wildpark near Potsdam

Third Air Fleet Command  
(Field Marshal Speer)  
Paris

II Fighter Command Headquarters  
(Generalmajor Junck)  
Chantilly

II Air Corps Headquarters  
(Generalleutnant Bursch)  
Romagne (St. Piat)

IX Air Corps Headquarters  
(Generalmajor Polka)  
(Leoudrey near Beauvais)

X Air Corps Headquarters  
(Generalleutnant Holle)  
Angers

26 Air Division  
(Generalmajor Korte)  
Montbrin

1st Preflight Training Division  
(Generalmajor Wieland)  
Paris

Special Administrative Headquarters Belgium/Northern France  
(General der Flieger Winner)  
Brussels

Special Administrative Headquarters Western France  
(Generalleutnant Weissmann)  
Etampes

Military District Command Netherlands  
(General der Flieger Christiansen)  
Hilversum

III AAA Corps Headquarters  
(Generalleutnant Pickert)  
Meaux  
(St. Honorine du Fay)
4th Fighter Division
(Oberst Visséck)
Metz

Fighter Command Southern France
(Oberst Vollbracht)
Aix

5th Fighter Division
(Oberst Hentschel)
Jouy en Josas

Tactical-Support Command Brittany *4)
(Savigne l'Evêque)

16th AAA Division
Lille

19th AAA Brigade
a'Herrenbusch

Luftwaffe Headquarters Channel Islands
(Oberst Dini)
Guernsey

13th AAA Division
Laval

1st AAA Brigade
Paris

5th AAA Brigade
Nîmes

12th AAA Brigade
Saintes

Fighter Command 4
(Oberst von Buslow)
St. Pol - Brias

Fighter Sector Command Bordeaux
(Major Episec)
La Roche

Fighter Command Brittany
(MAJOREX Oberst von Berg)
Rennes

Fighter Command 5
(Oberst Collin)
Berney

18th AAA Brigade
Havrincourt
Explanations regarding Table 4

Western Front: Command Structure

Period: From 1 July 1944 to 9 September 1944

*1) Luftwaffe High Command Headquarters after 3 August 1944 located at Bartenstein, East Prussia

*2) Command structure in command area of Third Air Fleet Command:

Air command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command air situation maps, dated 2 July 1944

Excerpt from war diary of
Third Air Fleet Command, 10 July 1944 (B455)
26 July 1944

Air situation map, dated 1 September 1944

AAA command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command

AAA situation maps, dated 9 July 1944
24 July 1944
3 August 1944
26 August 1944

Commander, Third Air Fleet Command, after 19 August 1944:
Generalleutnant Dessloch

Third Air Fleet Command Headquarters after 19 August 1944 located at Reims
after 28 August 1944 located at Arlon (S11 and S16)
after 1 September 1944 located at Mayen (E686)

*3) Advance command post of II Fighter Corps Headquarters after 28 June 1944
located at St. Priest near Chartres

II Fighter Corps Headquarters, location from August to 9 September 1944:
After 21 August 1944 at Reims
* 26 (? August 1944 at Rochefort
* 6 (1 September 1944 (W706)

*4) Deactivation of 4th Fighter Division Headquarters on 8 September 1944 (B422)

*4a) Command post of 5th Fighter Division after the end of July 1944 at Namur (E788)
after 5 (?) August 1944 at Durlach (E788)
6) Deactivation of Fighter Command/Headquarters on 31 August 1944 (RA22)
7) Deactivation of Fighter Command 8 Headquarters on 10 July 1944
8) Deactivation of Fighter Command Brittany on 31 August 1944 (RA22)
9) Deactivation of Fighter Command Bordeaux Headquarters on 10 July 1944

9) Command post of Fighter Command Southern France after 10 July 1944 at La Narthe
   Deactivation of Fighter Command Southern France Headquarters on 31 August 1944 (RA22)

10) Deactivation of Tactical-Support Command West Headquarters on 10 July 1944
11) IX Air Corps Headquarters on 30 August 1944 located at Zeist/Driebergen
12) Deactivation of X Air Corps Headquarters in Wiesbaden on 31 August 1944 (88)
13) Deactivation of 2d Air Division Headquarters on 6 September 1944 (RA22)
14) Deactivation of Special Administrative Command Headquarters Belgium-
    Northern France for the purpose of organizing the XIV Administrative
    Command Headquarters on 6 September 1944
15) Assignment of 20th AAA Brigade Headquarters to command area of
    Third Air Fleet Command after 9 July 1944
*16) Desactivation of Special Administrative Command Headquarters Western France for the purpose of reorganizing the V Administrative Command Headquarters on 6 September 1944

*17) 13th AAA Division placed under direct control of Third Air Fleet Command after 9 August 1944

Command post of 13th AAA Division after 24 July 1944 located at Flers (advance command post after 9 August 1944 located at St. Celais (45 kilometers south east of Le Mans) after 23 August 1944 in process of transfer to Strasbourg

*18) Command post of 1st AAA Brigade after 23 August 1944 located at Mesaux

*19) Command post of 5th AAA Brigade after 23 August 1944 located at Orange

*20) Command post of 12th AAA Brigade after 23 August 1944 located at Le Rochelle

*21) III AAA Corps Headquarters after 8 July 1944 located at Neufon after 17 July 1944 located at Thury-Harcourt after 23 July 1944 located at St. Julian after 23 August 1944 located at Bernay
Table 4
Western Front: Command Structure
Period: From 1 July 1944 to 9 September 1944

See sketches
Appendix F2C: Air Command Staff Organization
Appendix F2D: AAA Command Staff Organization

Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe  *1)
(Feld Marshal Goering)
First Echelon: Coldesp/ Est Prussia, or Berichteagen
Second Echelon: Wildpark near Potsdam

Third Air Fleet Command  *2)
(Feld Marshal Speer)
Paris
(Reims, Arlon, and Mayen)

II Fighter Command Headquarters  *3)
(Gen.leutnant Buelowius)
Quintilly
(Reims, Rochefort, and Heerlen)

IX Air Corps Headquarters  *11)
(Gen. major Fels)
Le Condray near Beauvais
(Azeat/Dribergen)

X Air Corps Headquarters  *12)
(Gen. leutnant Eille)
Angers

26 Air Division  *13)
(Gen. major Cortee)
Montfrie

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Belgium/Northern France  *14)
(Gen. der Flieger Wimmer)
Brussels

Special Administrative Command Headquarters Western France  *15)
(Gen. leutnant Weismann)
Etampes

Military District Command Netherlands
(Gen. der Flieger Christiansen)
Hilversum

III AAA Corps Headquarters  *21)
(Gen. leutnant Pickert)
St. Honoree du Fay
(Wasteron, Thiery-Harcourt, St. Julian, and Bernay)
4th Fighter Division
(Oberst Vieck)
Metz

5th Fighter Division
(Oberst Hantschel)
Jouy en Josas

Fighter Command Southern France
(Oberst Vollbracht)
Aix
(Le Nêther)

Tactical-Support Command West
(......................)
Savigne l'Eveque

16th AAA Division
Lille

13th AAA Brigade
c'Hertogenbosch

20th AAA Brigade
Doullens

15th AAA Division
Leval
(Flers and St. Calais

Luftwaffe Headquarters Channel Islands
(Oberst Dini)
Guernsey

1st AAA Brigade
Paris
(Meaux)

8th AAA Brigade
Nîmes
(Orange)

12th AAA Brigade
Saintes
(Le Bouchelle)

Fighter Command 4
(Oberst von Rielow
St. Pol-Briais

Fighter Command 5
(Oberst Gollob)
Berney

Fighter Command Brittany
(Oberst von Berg)
Rennes

Fighter Sector Command Bordeaux
(Maj. Spies)
Marsignac

18th AAA Brigade
Havincourt
Explanations regarding Table 5
Western Front: Command Structure
Period: From 9 September 1944 to 22 September 1944

*1) Command structure in command area of Third Air Fleet Command;
Air command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command
Area situation map dated 1 September 1944
AAA command staffs listed on basis of Luftwaffe High Command
AAA situation map dated 9 September 1944
Deactivation of Third Air Fleet Command on 22 September 1944
(Reprinted situation map dated 22 September 1944, and RS33)

*2) II Fighter Corps Headquarters after 10 (f) September 1944 located at
Flammerefeld (RS06)

*3) Command post of 5th Fighter Division located at Durlach from 9 to
22 September 1944

*4) IX Air Corps Headquarters transferred from control of Third Air Fleet
Command at end of September 1944
(IX Air Corps Headquarters functioned as training staff in Germany
after 22 September 1944 RS38)

*5) 16th AAA Division Headquarters in process of transfer to Holland
after 8 September 1944

*6) 20th AAA Brigade Headquarters in process of transfer to Holland
after 8 September 1944
- Assignment of IV AAA Corps Headquarters to Wiesbaden after 8 September 1944 (AAA situation map dated 9 September 1944)
- After 8 September 1944, 13th AAA Division in process of rehabilitation at Strasbourg
Table 5
Western Front: Command Structure

Period: From 9 September 1944 to 22 September 1944

See sketches
Appendix F.26

Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe
(Feld Marshal Goering)
First Echelon: Bartennestin/East Prussia, or Berchtesgarden
Second Echelon: Wildpark near Potsdam

Third Air Fleet Command *1)
(Generalleutnant Dassloch)
Kayen

II Fighter Corps Headquarters *2)
(Generalleutnant Guelovius)
Heerlen
(Flammersfeld)

IX Air Corps Headquarters *4)
(Generalmajor Pulz)
Zeist/Drielbaken

III AAA Corps Headquarters
(Generalleutnant Pickert)
Cochan

IV AAA Corps Headquarters
(Generalfeldmarschall Bogeski)
Wiesbaden

Luftwaffe Headquarters Channel Islands
(Oberst Hentschel)
Guernsey
(Zombert)

5th Fighter Division *8)
(Oberst Hentschel)
Durlach

18th AAA Brigade
Galenborg

19th AAA Brigade
e'Hertogenbosch
1st AAA Brigade
Konz-Ertheus

16th AAA Division

20th AAA Brigade

9th AAA Division
Bolchen

13th AAA Division
Strasbourg

5th AAA Brigade
Belfort

12th AAA Brigade
Durlingen
northwest of Pfalsburg
Explanations of Tactical Symbols in Sketches Showing Western Front

Command Structure

Appendices F30 to F26

Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe
Third Air Fleet Command
II Fighter Command Headquarters
X Air Corps Headquarters
Air Offensive (England) Command
Administrative Command Headquarters
Special Administrative Command Headquarters

III AAA Corps Headquarters
Military District Command Netherlands
4th Fighter Division
26 Air Division
Fighter Command West
Fighter Unit Commander
Air Command Atlantic
Tactical-Support Command West
Fighter Sector Command Bordeaux
1st AAA Division
1st AAA Brigade

Explanations Regarding Organizational Charts

Yellow borders stand for Air Command Staffs

Red " " " AAA Command Staffs
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